

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the Abstract beginning at page 54, line 2 with the following rewritten Abstract:

~~Content may be used in the reduced price corresponding to the content purchase history or usage history. The purchase history for the content A setting ID to UCSA is set to the "Purchase history". For example, the number of times of reproduction is set thereto. When the number of times of reproduction is higher than the predetermined number of times, the predetermined usage format setting the reduced price may be selected. To the "Usage history", the usage history such as the number of times of actual use of the content A is stored. When the number of times of use is higher than the predetermined value, the predetermined format setting the reduced price may be selected.~~

An information processing apparatus utilizing encrypted information corresponding to content of purchased right, includes a memory for storing the encrypted information, usage control policy indicating content of purchased right and price tag for specifying price content corresponding to the content of the purchased right. A first generating device generates a usage control status including the purchase history of the information on the basis of the usage control policy and the price tag stored in the memory. A setting device sets usage history based on usage of the information to the usage control status. A second generating device calculates an accounting price and generates accounting information including the accounting price based on the purchase history or the usage history, and/or puts a limit on purchasable usage conditions based on the purchase history or the usage history on the occasion the right is purchased again on different format from the control policy.

Please add the following new paragraph after the paragraph ending on line 2 of page 1:

CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

This patent application is a continuation of U.S. Application No. 09/607,692, filed on June 30, 2000, the disclosure of which is herein incorporated by reference.